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Brochures and registration forms are available from the contact person or organization sponsoring the program.

CARDIOLOGY

February 7–11, 1999—**International Congress XII on Endovascular Interventions.** Contact: Erika Scott (602) 266-2200 or fax (602) 265-8885. www.endovascularcongress.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

ArMA—Contact: Arizona Medical Association, 810 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85013. (602) 246-8901.

Mayo Clinic-Scottsdale—Contact: Postgraduate Courses, Mayo Clinic-Scottsdale, (602) 301-7447.

U of A—Contact: University of Arizona College of Medicine, Arizona Health Sciences Center, Tucson, AZ 85724. (520) 626-7832; (800) 328-5868.

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This listing of continuing education programs in California, Hawaii, and Nevada is supplied by the Committee on Continuing Medical Education of the California Medical Association. All courses and meetings listed have been approved for Category I credit toward the CMA Certificate in Continuing Medical Education. To have accredited courses listed here, please send information at least two months in advance to Paulette Richardson, Continuing Medical Education, California Medical Association, PO Box 7690, San Francisco 94120-7690; or phone (415) 882-3387. For more information on accreditation or certification, please write to the above address.

ANESTHESIOLOGY

November 6–8—**10th Annual Anesthesiology Update: 1998.** UC Davis at La Monterey Plaza Hotel. Fri–Sun. 13 hrs. \$350. Contact: UC Davis Office of Continuing Medical Education, 2315 Stockton Blvd, Camellia Cottage, Rm. 1019, Sacramento, CA 95817 (916) 734-5390

ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY

November—**Influenza Pandemic Preparedness.** Center for Disease Control at various sites around state. Thurs. 2.5 hrs. Call California Distance Learning Health Networks for satellite sites and fees (619) 594-3348.

CARDIOLOGY

October 31—**Update in Electrocardiography and Arrhythmias.** UCSF at Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco. Sat. 7.5 hrs. \$195. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5208.

January 7–10, 1999—**NewEra Cardiac Care: Innovation and Technology.** Marriott's Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale Arizona. Sponsored by the

Cardiothoracic Research & Education Forum. Contact: Aligned Management Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 23220, San Diego CA 92193 (760) 751-8841. Fax (760) 751-8842. www.amainc.com

January 18–22, 1999—**The 30th Annual Cardiovascular Conference at Snowmass.** Sponsored by the American College of Cardiology. To be held at Snowmass Conference Center, Snowmass, CO. 23 CME credits. Contact: Registration Secretary, Extramural Programs Dept., American College of Cardiology, 9111 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814-1699. Phone (800) 253-4636, ext.695 or Fax (301) 897-9745.

January 29–31, 1999—**Clinical Nuclear Cardiology: Case Review With the Experts. Cardiology Update 1998.** American College of Cardiology at San Francisco. Thurs.–Sat. Contact: ACC Extramural Programs (800) 253-4636.

February 18–20, 1999—**19th Annual Pathophysiology & Techniques of Cardiopulmonary Bypass.** San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina. Sponsored by the Cardiothoracic Research & Education Forum. Contact: Aligned Management Associates, Inc. P.O. Box 23220, San Diego CA 92193 (619) 541-1444 or fax (619) 541-1447 www.amainc.com

DERMATOLOGY

January 14–17, 1999—**Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician, San Diego, CA.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hyatt Regency, La Jolla, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

March 4–7, 1999—**Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician, Orlando, FL.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Buena Vista Palace at Walt Disney World Village, Orlando, FL. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thus–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

May 23–26, 1999—**Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician, Las Vegas, NV.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun–Wed. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE

October 19–20—**Trauma Uncensored: 1998.** UC Davis at Hyatt Regency, Sacramento. Mon.–Tue. 17 hrs. \$250. Contact: (916) 734-5390.

October 19–23—**Emergency Medicine Symposium I.** UCSD at La Jolla Marriott, San Diego. Mon.–Fri. 32 hrs. \$495. Contact: OCME (619) 534-3940.

October 26–30—**27th Annual Topics in Emergency Medicine.** UCSF at Radisson Miyako Hotel, San Francisco. Mon.–Fri. 32 hrs. \$675. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5208.

November 9–13—**Emergency Medicine Symposium III.** UCSD at La Jolla Marriott, San Diego. Mon.–Fri. 32 hrs. Contact: OCME (619) 534-3940.

December 4–5—**Trauma Care – Then and Now.** UCSF at Hotel Nikko, San Francisco. Fri.–Sat. 12 hrs. \$395–\$450. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5808.

December 14–18—**Emergency Medicine Symposium II.** UCSD at La Jolla Marriott, San Diego. Mon.–Fri. 32 hrs. Contact: OCME (619) 534-3940.

May 13–16, 1999—**Outdoor Emergency Medicine, Scottsdale, AZ.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, AZ. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

May 13–16, 1999—**Outdoor Emergency Medicine, Scottsdale, AZ.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, AZ. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs–Sun. 32 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$750. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

ENDOCRINOLOGY

March 11–13, 1999—**The Fourth International Conference on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapies.** Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California. Contact: Shirley Kolkey, Complete Conference Management, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, CA 92108. (619) 299-6673 or fax (619) 299-6675.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

ETHICS

October 22–34—**Seventh Annual Symposium on the Design and Methods of Clinical Trials.** UCSF at San Francisco. Thurs–Fri Contact: UCSF Office of Continuing Medical Education. (415) 476-4251.

FAMILY PRACTICE/PRIMARY CARE

October 22–26—**Masters of Medicine.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. Marriott Marquis, New York, NY. Thurs.–Mon. 30 hrs. Credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$795. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

October 30—**Breast-feeding, Ensuring Survival of Our Species.** Children's Hospital and Health Center at Escondido. Fri. 6.25 hrs. \$50. Contact: San Diego County Breast-feeding Coalition, Nancy Wright (619) 576-5981.

November 14—**Women's Health Symposium.** UC Davis at UCD Med Ctr. Cancer Center Auditorium, Sacramento. Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.

December 3–4—**Controversies in Women's Health.** UCSF at Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco. Thurs.–Fri. 13 hrs. Credit. \$370. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5208.

January 14–17, 1999—**Practical Dermatology for the Primary Care Physician.** Continuing Medical Education Associates at Hyatt Regency, SF. Thurs.–Sun. 20 hrs. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

January 14–17, 1999—**Office Orthopedics and Bone Radiology for the Primary Care Physician.** Continuing Medical Education Associates at Hyatt Regency, SF. Thurs.–Sun. 20 hrs. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

February 11–14, 1999—**Office Gynecology and Women's Health for the Primary Care Physician.** Continuing Medical Education Associates at Hyatt Islandia, San Diego. Thurs.–Sun. 20 hrs. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

February 12–14, 1999—**California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP) 51st Annual Scientific Assembly.** San Diego Concourse, San Diego, CA. 40 hrs. Contact: Clark Franklin, CAFP, 114 Sansome Street, Suite 1305, San Francisco, CA 94104-3824. (415) 394-9121 or fax (415) 394-9119.

February 17–19, 1999—**Annual Review in Family Medicine: Controversies and Challenges in Primary Care.** UCSF at Cathedral Hill Hotel, SF. Wed.–Fri. 16 hrs. \$400. Contact: UCSF Program Coordinator, Dept. of Family and Community Medicine (415) 476-5250.

May 14–18, 1999—**Primary Care Essentials, San Francisco, CA.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Grand Hyatt on Union Square, San Francisco, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs.–Sun. 32 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$750. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

GERIATRICS

November 8–11—**Geriatrics Update 1998.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego, CA. Sun.–Wed. 20 hrs. Credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$525. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

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UCSD:	University of California, San Diego, Office of Continuing Medical Education, (619) 534-3940.
UCSF:	University of California, San Francisco, Extended Programs in Medical Education, (415) 476-4251.
USC:	University of Southern California, Postgraduate Division, (800) USC-1119.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

October 29–30—**Globally Emerging Viral Infections.** UCSF at Crown Plaza Hotel-Union Square, SF. Thurs–Fri. 12 hrs. \$415-\$470. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5808.

November 5–8—**Advances in Infectious Disease.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. Loews Coronado Bay Resort, San Diego, CA. Thurs.–Sun. 20 hrs. Credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$525. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200; <http://www.cmea.com>

November 19—**Preparing for the Coming Influenza Pandemic Satellite Course.** California Distance Learning Health Network at various sites throughout California. Thurs. 2.5 hrs. Fee varies. Contact: CDLHN (619) 594-3348.

December 2–6—**Internal Medicine- 1998 Fall Program.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. Boca Raton Resort and Club, Boca Raton, FL. Wed.–Tues. 30 hrs. Credit: AMA, AOA, AAP, AAFP. \$750. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, PO Box 270469, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

December 3—**Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Satellite Course.** California Distance Learning Health Network at various sites throughout California. Thurs. 2.5 hrs. Fee varies. Contact: CDLHN (619) 594-3348.

December 9—**AIDS-Associated Malignancies: Biology and Clinical Management.** UCSF at Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Wed. Credit 4.5 hours. \$135. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5208.

December 10–12—**Clinical Care of the AIDS Patient.** UCSF at Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Thurs–Sat. Credit 24 hours. \$455. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5208.

February 5–6, 1999—**Infectious Disease Update: 1999.** UC Davis at Hilton Hotel, Sacramento. Fri–Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-5390.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

March 19–25, 1999—**Internal Medicine, San Diego CA.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hotel Coronado, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Fri–Thurs. 45 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$895. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

NEPHROLOGY

February 4–6, 1999—**Advanced Nephrology: Nephrology for the Consultant.** Sponsored by UC San Diego. To be held at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort, Coronado, CA. 17 hrs credit: AMA. \$175, \$425. Contact: Shirley Kolkey, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, CA 92108. Phone (619) 299-6673 or Fax (619) 299-6675; email c-c-m@worldnet.att.net

OB/GYN

October 23–27—**OB/GYN Review.** Red Lion Hotel, Glendale. \$675. Sat.–Tues. 38 hrs. Contact: USC School of Medicine, Postgraduate Division, 1975 Zonal Ave., KAM 307, Los Angeles, CA 90033-1039; Phone (213) 342-2555 or (800) USC-1119; Fax (213) 342-2152 or (888) 665-8650; email uscme@hsc.usc.edu.

December 6—**CTTR 105th Semi-Annual Cancer Seminar: Tumors of the Breast.** To be held at the Marriott at Coronado, San Diego. 8 hrs. \$110, \$265. Contact: California Tumor Tissue Registry; c/o LLU School of Medicine, 11021 Campus Ave., AH 335, Loma Linda, CA 92350. Phone (909) 824-4788 or Fax (909) 478-4188; email cttr@linkline.com.

February 11–14, 1999—**Office Gynecology and Women's Health for the Primary Care Physician, San Diego, CA.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hyatt Islandia, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs.–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

February 25–28, 1999—**Office Gynecology and Women's Health for the Primary Care Physician, Orlando, FL.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Buena Vista Palace at Walt Disney World Village, Orlando, FL. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs.–Sun. 20 hrs credit: AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

OTOLOGY

November 5–7—**San Francisco Otolaryngology and Neurotology Update-1998.** UCSF at Ritz-Carlton Hotel San Francisco. Thurs–Sat. 19 hrs. \$475. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5808.

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October 17–21—**1998-99 Temporal Bone Surgical Dissection Courses.** Also to be held December 5–9; January 16–20, 1999; February 6–10, 1999; March 13–17, 1999; April 17–21, 1999; May 15–19, 1999; June 26–30, 1999; September 11–15, 1999; October 16–20, 1999; November 6–10, 1999; December 4–8, 1999. \$1100, \$1300. Contact Antonio De la Cruz, MD, House Ear Institute, 2100 W. Third Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057. Phone (213) 483-4431 or Fax (213) 483-8789.

ORTHOPEDICS

January 14–17, 1999—**Office Orthopedics and Bone Radiology for the Primary Care Physician, San Diego, CA.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hyatt Regency, La Jolla, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs–Sun. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: CMEA Monica L. Lier. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

February 25–28, 1999—**Office Orthopedics and Bone Radiology for the Primary Care Physician, New Orleans, LA.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans, LA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Thurs–Sun. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

February 25–28, 1999—**Office Orthopedics and Bone Radiology for the Primary Care Physician, Las Vegas, NV.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun–Wed. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

PATHOLOGY

December 6—**CTTR 106th Semi-Annual Cancer Seminar: Tumors of the Head and Neck.** To be held at the Westin South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa. 8 hrs. \$110, \$265. Contact: California Tumor Tissue Registry; c/o LLU School of Medicine, 11021 Campus Ave., AH 335, Loma Linda, CA 92350. Phone (909) 824-4788 or Fax (909) 478-4188; email ctttr@linkline.com.

PEDIATRICS

December 4–6—**Stabilization and Management of the Critically Ill Child.** UCSF at Grand Hyatt Hotel, SF. Fri–Sun. 12 hrs. \$300. Contact: UCSF (415) 476-5808.

January 29–31, 1999—**37TH Clinical Conference Pediatric Anesthesiology.** Disneyland Hotel, 1150 W. Cerritos Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802. Sponsored by The Pediatric Anesthesiology Foundation. \$250–\$295. Contact David J Steward, M.B., Program Director, Pediatric Anesthesiology Conference Box #3, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, P.O. Box 54700, Los Angeles, CA 90054. (213) 669-2262 or fax (213) 660-8983.

February 14–17, 1999—**Pediatrics Update 1999, San Diego, CA.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Hyatt Islandia, San Diego, CA. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun–Wed. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

February 28–March 3, 1999—**Pediatrics Update 1999, Orlando, FL.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Buena Vista Palace at Walt Disney World Village, Orlando, FL. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun–Wed. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

PSYCHIATRY

November 6–8—**44th Annual Group Therapy Symposium.** UCSF at UCSF. Fri–Sun. 20 hrs. \$295–\$340. Contact:UCSF (415) 476-5808.

RADIOLOGY

October 23–25—**18th Annual Comprehensive Review of Vascular and Interventional Radiology.** The Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego. Credit 19 hrs. AMA. \$300–\$500. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773 or fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com. www.ryalsmeet.com

October 26–November 1—**23rd Annual San Diego Postgraduate Radiology Review Course.** The Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego. Credit 39 hrs. AMA. \$700–\$995. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773 or fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com. www.ryalsmeet.com.

October 29–November 1—**2nd Annual Intensive Review of Neuro, Head, and Neck Radiology.** The Four Seasons Resort Hotel, Newport Beach, California. Credit 28 hrs. AMA. \$450–\$725. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773 or fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com. www.ryalsmeet.com

October 30–November 1—**Breast Imaging and Interventions Update.** The Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego. Credit 15 hrs. AMA. \$275–\$450. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773 or fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com. www.ryalsmeet.com

February 25–28, 1999—**Up to Date Radiology in the Desert.** Mira Monte Resort, Indian Wells, California. Credit 26 hrs. AMA. \$495–\$750. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

SURGERY

January 15–16, 1999—**What's New General Surgery.** UC Davis at Hyatt Regency Sacramento at Capitol Park. Fri–Sat. Contact: UCD (916) 734-7203.

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October 22–23—**Seventh Symposium on Clinical Trials: Design, Methods, and Controversies.** UCSF Laurel Heights Campus, San Francisco. Contact: UCSF Office of Continuing Medical Education (415) 476-4251 or fax (415) 476-0318.

October 26–28—**Telemedicine IV.** UC Davis at Hilton Hotel, Anaheim. Mon.–Wed. Contact: (916) 734-5390.

November 6–7—**Palliative Care Workshop.** UC Davis at Hyatt Regency Sacramento. Thurs–Fri. \$200. Contact: UCD (916) 734-7203.

May 16–19, 1999—**Alternative Medicine, Scottsdale, AZ.** Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education Associates. To be held at the Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale, AZ. Method: AV, L, SB, W. Sun–Wed. 20 hrs credit:AMA, AOA, AAFP. \$575. Contact: Victoria Gonzales, P.O. Box 27049, San Diego, CA 92198. (800) 993-2632 or (619) 674-5200.

LOSS PREVENTION

October 20—**A Quality Improvement Program to Protect Your Medical Practice.** Medical Insurance Exchange of California. at Holiday Inn Select, Fairfield. Tues 2 hrs. Free or \$40 to non members. Contact: David Carp (800) 227-4527.

November 3—**Medical Records Documentation for Patient Safety and Physician Defensibility.** Medical Insurance Exchange of California. at Santa Fe Bar and Grill, Berkeley. Tues. Free or \$40 to non members. Contact: David Carp (800) 227-4527.

November 10—**Preventing "Failure to Diagnose" Malpractice Claims.** Medical Insurance Exchange of California. at San Francisco Medical Society. Wed. Free or \$40 to non members. Contact: David Carp (800) 227-4527.

November 11—**Medical Records Documentation for Patient Safety and Physician Defensibility.** Medical Insurance Exchange of California. at Embassy Suites Hotel, Walnut Creek. Wed. Free or \$40 for non members. Contact: MIE (800) 227-4527.

LEARNING SPANISH

October 23–26 (Los Angeles); December 4–7 (San Diego); January 22–25 (Los Angeles)—**Conversation in Spanish.** Maricopa Health System. 36 hrs. \$695. Contact: Rios Associates (520) 881-3295; (619) 218-4875; Fax (520) 325-4258.

HOME STUDY/SELF ASSESSMENT

California Physicians' Legal Handbook Series. California Medical Association. Contact: CMA, PO Box 7690, San Francisco 94120-7690. (800) 882-1262.

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COLORADO

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Brochures, course information, and registration forms are available from the contact person or organization.

Tuesday Noon Conferences—**Various Topics in Medicine.** Lutheran Medical Center, Wheat Ridge. Contact: Jean A. Kline, (303) 425-2951.

First Wednesday of Each Month—**Various Topics in Neurology.** Colorado Society of Clinical Neurologists. Contact: Colorado Society of Neurologists, (303) 449-3566.

Second Wednesday of Each Month—**Cardiovascular Education Series.** St Anthony Hospital at St Anthony Hospital, Denver. Contact: Rose Powell, (303) 629-3678.

February 4–6, 1999—**Neurology For The Non-Neurologist.** Hyatt Regency, Cancun Mexico. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

February 5–7, 1999—**Arrhythmias: Interpretation, Diagnosis & Management** MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

February 12–14, 1999—**Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicians.** Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, CO. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

February 19–21, 1999—**Managing Respiratory Diseases.** Marriott's Casa Marina, Key West, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

February 25–27, 1999—**Dermatology For The Non-Dermatologist.** Atlantis Paradise Resort, Bahamas. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

February 26–28, 1999—**Coronary Heart Disease Update.** Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, Scottsdale, AZ. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

March 12–14, 1999—**Dermatology For The Non-Dermatologist.** Riviera Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

March 25–27, 1999—**Neurology For The Non-Neurologist.** Grand Beach Resort, St. Thomas, USVI. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

March 25–27, 1999—**Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicians.** Marriott's Beach Resort, St. Grand Cayman. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

March 26–28, 1999—**Managing Respiratory Diseases.** Buena Vista Palace, Orlando, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 8–10, 1999—**Coronary Heart Disease Update.** Hyatt Regency, Aruba. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 8–10, 1999—**Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicians.** The Westin Resort, St John, USVI. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 9–11, 1999—**Arrhythmias: Interpretation, Diagnosis & Management** Hilton Tapatio Cliffs, Scottsdale, AZ. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meet-

ings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 9–11, 1999—**Neurology For The Non-Neurologist.** Marriott's Casa Marina, Key West, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 23–25, 1999—**Managing Respiratory Diseases.** Bally's, Las Vegas, NV. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 23–25, 1999—**Dermatology For The Non-Dermatologist.** Parc Fifty-five, San Francisco, CA. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 30–May 2, 1999—**Dermatology For The Non-Dermatologist.** South Sea Plantation, Captiva Island, FL. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

April 30–May 2, 1999—**Clinical Endocrinology For Primary Care Physicians.** Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

May 14–16, 1999—**Managing Respiratory Diseases.** Hilton Resort, Hilton Head, SC. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

May 14–16, 1999—**Neurology For The Non-Neurologist.** Bally's, Las Vegas, NV. Fee \$375. Contact Linda Main, Meetings Coordinator, Medical Education Resources, 1500 West Canal Court, Suite 500, Littleton, CO 80120-4569. (800) 421-3756, (303) 798-9682 or Fax (303) 798-5731.

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U of Colo—Contact: University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine, Office of Continuing Medical Education, 4200 E 9th Ave, Denver 80262. (303) 372-9050 or (800) 882-9153; FAX (303) 372-9065.

IDAHO

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Brochures, course information, and registration forms are available from the contact person or organization.

NEW MEXICO

Information, requests for accreditation, and items to be listed should be sent to the chair of the CME Committee, New Mexico Medical Society, 7770 Jefferson, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87109, at least two months in advance. For information on CME accreditation or on the CME requirements of the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners, please write to the above address or call (505) 828-0237.

NOTE: Course information in the following listing is subject to change on occasion. Check with the sponsoring institution for current details.

Every First and Third Tuesday—**Building and Implementing Clinical Practice Guidelines at the Point of Care.** Contact: Thomas A. Naegele, DO, (505) 275-7267.

SATELLITE COURSES

Contact: Joe Treat or Jim Cato, Immunization Program, (505) 827-2366

CONTACT INFORMATION

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UTAH

This listing of continuing medical education courses in Utah is compiled and edited by the CME office of the Utah Medical Association. All courses listed have been certified by CME accredited institutions as meeting the criteria for Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Accredited institutions wishing to list AMA Category 1 CME courses here should send information at least two months in advance to the Office of Continuing Medical Education, 540 East Fifth South, Salt Lake City, UT 84102; or phone (801) 355-7477. For information on CME accreditation, please write the CME office at the above address.

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January 6–10, 1999—**MRI at Snowbird**. Cliff Lodge, Snowbird, Utah. Credit 20 hrs. AMA. \$400-\$650. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773 or fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com. www.ryalsmeet.com

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

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Weekly—**Pediatric Grand Rounds**. Contact: PCMC.

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Brochures and registration forms are available from the contact person or organization listed at the end of each course or in the list of course sponsors and contact information.

COURSE SPONSORS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

CME HARBORVIEW—Contact: Gayle Splater, Cytology Continuing Education, Dept. of Pathology, Harborview Medical Center, 325 Ninth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104. (206) 223-5953.

PCMS CME—Contact: Executive Director, College of Medical Education, 705 S Ninth, No. 203, Tacoma, WA 98405. (206) 627-7137.

U/W (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON)—Contact: U/W School of Medicine, Div. of CME, SC-50, Seattle, WA 98195. (206) 543-1050.

VMMC (VIRGINIA MASON MEDICAL CENTER)—Contact: Linda Orgel, Division of Continuing Medical Education, Virginia Mason Medical Center, PO Box 900, Seattle, WA 98111. (206) 340-2058.

WSMA—Washington State Medical Association, Continuing Medical Education, 2033 Sixth Ave, Ste 1100, Seattle, WA 98121. (206) 441-9762.

OTHER CME OPPORTUNITIES

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF HEADACHE. November 6–8, 1998—**Scottsdale Headache Symposium**. Scottsdale at Marriott's Camelback Inn Resort & Spa. Contact: (609) 845-1720.

Annual Meeting and Course: International Spine Imaging Symposium. February 15–17, 1999. Registry Resort, Naples, Florida. Credit 19.5 hrs. AMA. \$250-\$650. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Breast Imaging Today and Tomorrow. November 2–5, 1998. The Ritz-Carlton Resort Hotel, Naples Florida. Credit 26 hrs. AMA. \$650. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Breast Imaging Today and Tomorrow. January 25–28, 1999. Boca Raton Resort and Club, Boca Raton, Florida. Credit 23 hrs. AMA. \$495-\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Breast Imaging Today and Tomorrow. February 15–19, 1999. Buena Vista Palace Resort and Spa, Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Credit 23 hrs. AMA. \$495-\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Conference on Patient Education. November 11–14, 1998. Hyatt Regency Austin, Austin, Texas. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 8880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

Conference on Patient Education. November 19–22, 1998. Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, Florida. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 8880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

Musculoskeletal MR. October 22–25, 1998. The Westin Resort Hotel, Hilton Head, South Carolina. Credit 18 hrs. AMA. \$650. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Musculoskeletal MR. January 18–22, 1999. The Ritz-Carlton Resort Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida. Credit 22.5 hrs. AMA. \$450-\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

Predoctoral Education Conference. February 4–7, 1999. Savannah Marriott Riverfront, Savannah, Georgia. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 8880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

STFM Family Conference. March 3–7, 1999. Kiawah Resort, Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 8880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

5th Annual Neuroradiology: A Comprehensive Review. February 2–6, 1999. The Ritz-Carlton Resort Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida. Credit 24 hrs. AMA. \$450-\$695. Contact: Ryals & Associates, Inc., PO Box 1925, Roswell, GA, 30077-1925; (770)641-9773; fax (770)552-9859; email: webmaster@ryalsmeet.com.

32nd Annual Spring Conference. April 28–May 2, 1999. Sheraton Seattle Hotel & Towers, Seattle, Washington. Contact: Ray Rosetta, Meetings and Programs Director, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, 8880 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64114. Phone (800) 274-2237, ext. 4512.

58th Annual American Occupational Health Conference. April 23–30, 1999. Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact: ACOEM Education Dept., 55 W. Seeger Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005; (847) 228-6850 or fax (847) 228-1856; www.acoem.org.

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